


REMARKS

Entry of this First Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 10-30 have been added. Upon entry of this response, claims 2-30 will be pending in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked up versions of claims 7-9, which are amended herein, showing all of the changes relative to the previous version of each.

7. (Amended) A network coupler to provide network communications isolation in a branch line connected to a subscriber premises through an electric power meter, the network coupler comprising:

a low pass filter coupled to the branch line adjacent to the power meter; and

a power line communications repeater connected to the branch line across both the low pass filter and the power meter.

8. (Amended) A network isolator to provide network communications isolation in a branch line connected to a subscriber premises through an electric power meter, the isolation being provided between a network located at the subscriber premises and a transformer connected to the branch line, the network isolator comprising:

a low pass filter coupled to the branch line adjacent to the power meter, wherein the low pass filter is disposed on the subscriber side of the power meter.

9. (Amended) A network isolator to provide network communications isolation in a branch line connected to a subscriber premises through an electric power meter, the isolation being provided between a network located at the subscriber premises and a transformer connected to the branch line, the network isolator comprising:

a low pass filter coupled to the branch line adjacent to the power meter, wherein the low pass filter is disposed on the transformer side of the power meter.